



MORTAL KOMBAT™ X

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Chapter 1

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THE HIMALAYAN WILDERNESS.

MANY YEARS AGO.






ARROWS
BEHIND US!



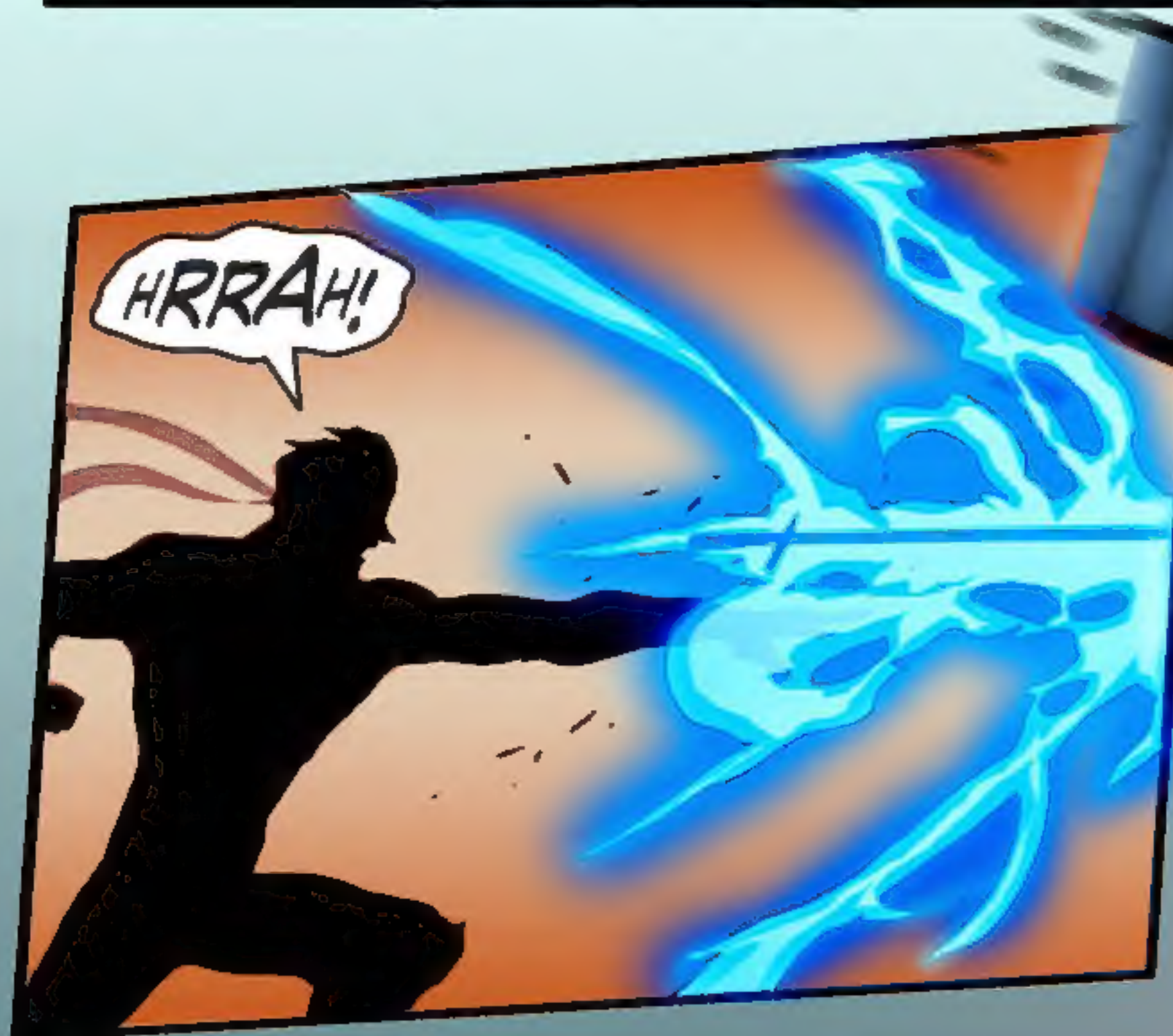
HYAH!!





EVEN
YOUR TELEKINESIS
GETS TIRED WHEN
YOU'VE BEEN RUNNING ALL
NIGHT, KENSHI.

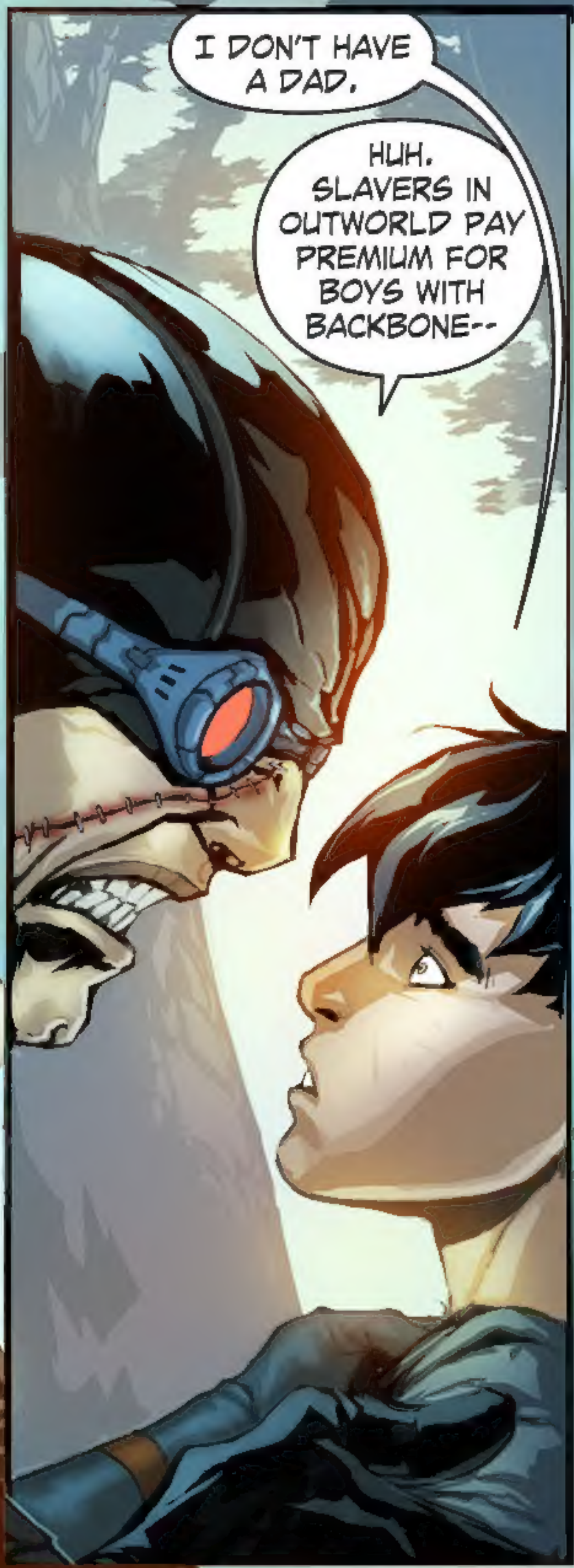
HRRN!
TAKEDA--





YOUR
DAD
GAVE ME
THIS SCAR,
BOY.

OOF!



I DON'T HAVE
A DAD.

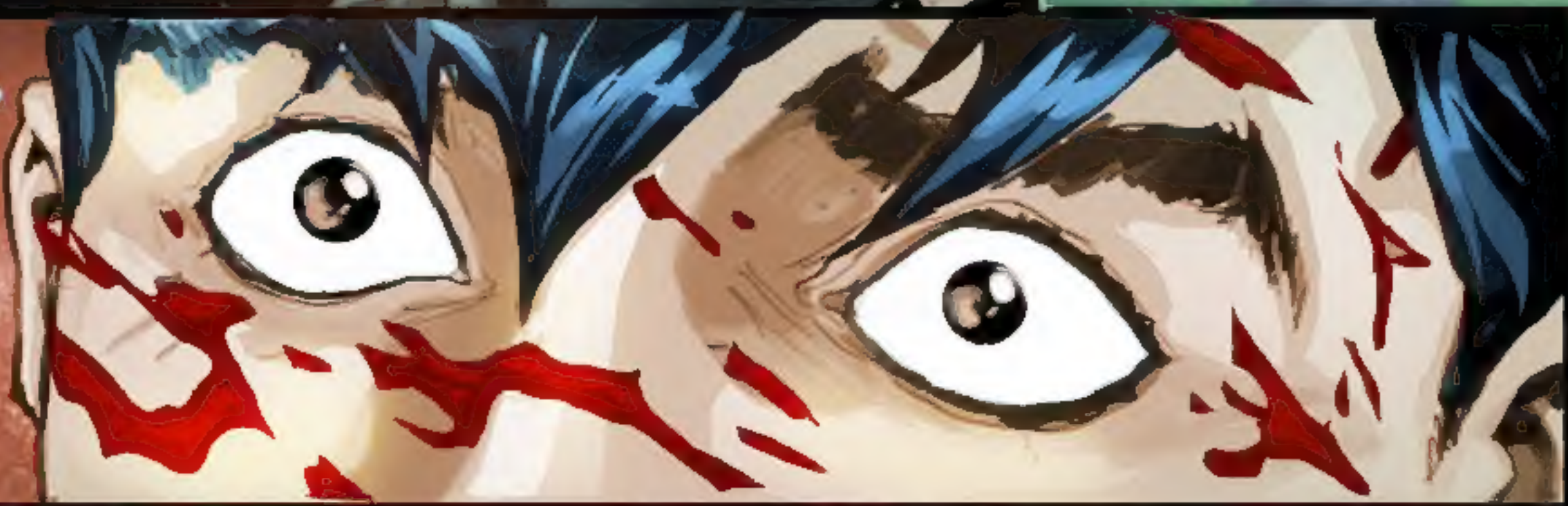
HUH.
SLAVERS IN
OUTWORLD PAY
PREMIUM FOR
BOYS WITH
BACKBONE--




NOUHK

CRACK

SPLAT





I EXPECTED
A BETTER FIGHT,
KENSHI. FIGURED YOU
MIGHT *KILL* A FEW
OF US.

INSTEAD
YOU *HID* IN THE
WILDERNESS.

NOT...
HIDING...

...TRESPASSING.





GET
OUT OF
HERE!

RED DRAGON.
YOU TRESPASS ON
SHIRAI RYU TERRITORY.
LEAVE.



EVEN *YOU* CAN'T
TAKE US ALL BY YOURSELF,
SCORPION.



FINAL
WARNING...



...GET
OUT OF
HERE.



THE SHIRAI RYU TEMPLE.

LATER.

SO MANY
SHIRAI RYU...
WHERE DID YOU
FIND ALL THESE
FIGHTERS?

I SOUGHT
WARRIORS WHO LOST
THEIR FAMILIES IN THE
NETHERREALM WAR.
SOLE SURVIVORS,
LIKE ME.

YOU HELPED
ME OUT OF THE
DARKNESS. NOW
I HELP THEM.





WHO'S
YOUR APPRENTICE,
SWORDSMAN?



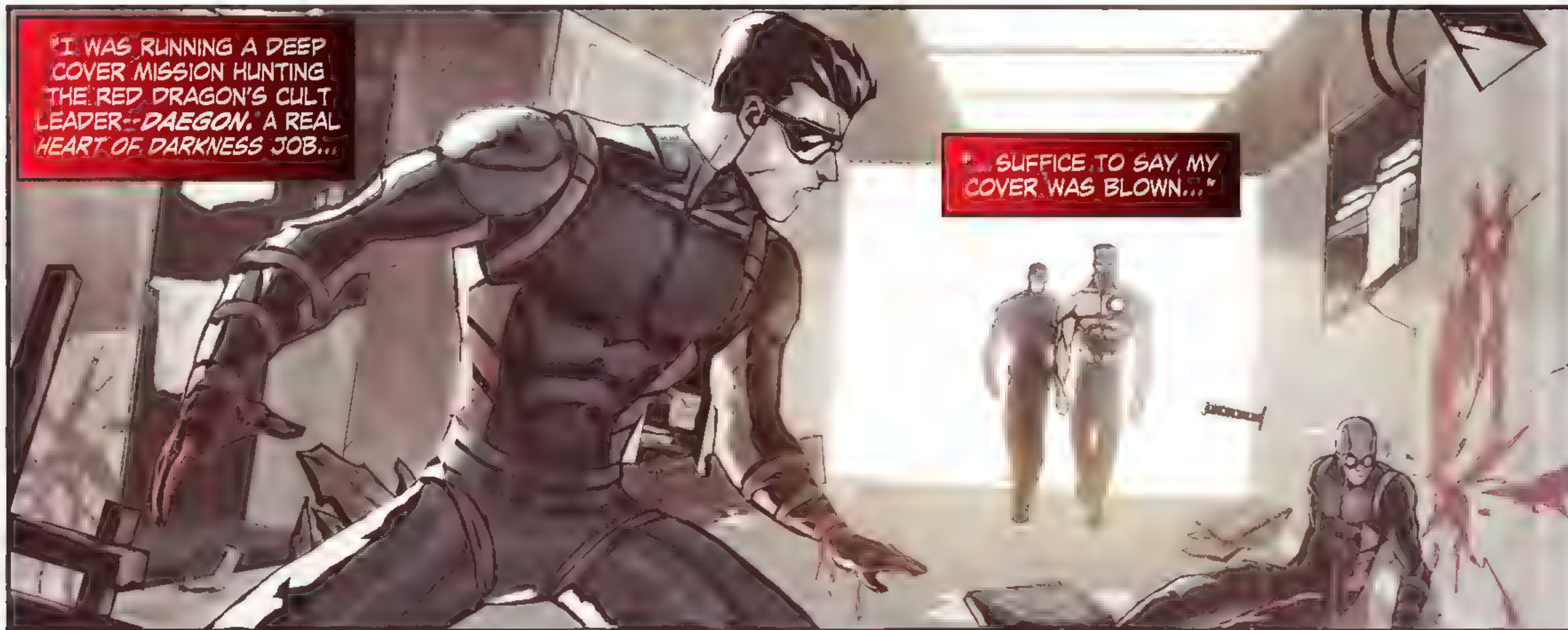
TAKEDA,
MY SON.



YOU
DON'T
HAVE A
SON.



URNS
OUT I
DO.



"I WAS RUNNING A DEEP COVER MISSION HUNTING THE RED DRAGON'S CULT LEADER--DAEGON. A REAL HEART OF DARKNESS JOB..."

"...SUFFICE TO SAY, MY COVER WAS BLOWN..."



CLASSIFIED LOCATION, JAPAN.

LAST WEEK.

"FOR WEEKS I CRANKED A GENERATOR TO CHARGE A SATELLITE PHONE THAT NEVER RANG. ONLY ONE PERSON HAD THE NUMBER."



NEAR LAMPANG, THAILAND.

"SHE TOLD ME THE RED DRAGON
HAD SENT A MESSAGE CLAIMING I
HAD A SON LIVING IN THAILAND..."

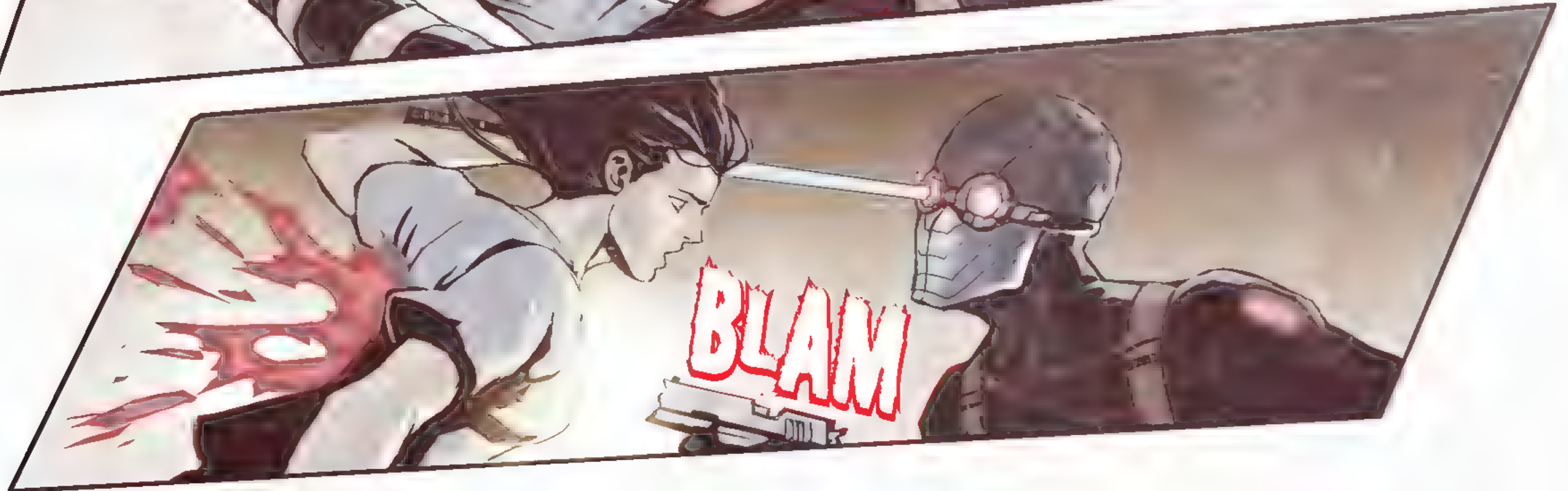
AND THE
FACTS
ADDED UP.

"I RACED. DIDN'T CARE
IF IT WAS A TRAP."

"BUT IN THE BACK
OF MY MIND I KNEW..."

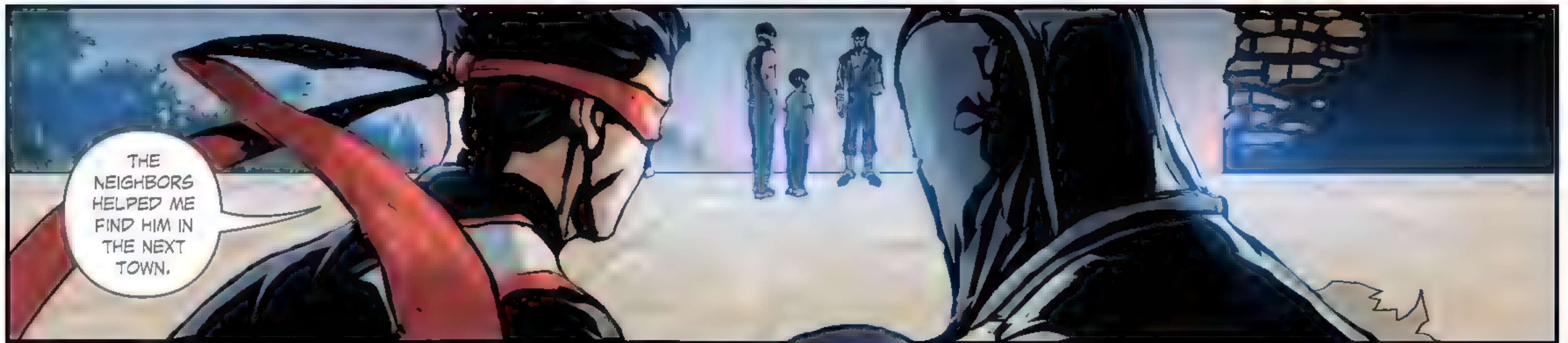
"I COULDN'T BE
FAST ENOUGH."

YOU
THE BITCH
WITH KENSHI'S
BASTARD?





IT'S BETTER
THAT HE NEVER
SAW THE SCENE.



THE
NEIGHBORS
HELPED ME
FIND HIM IN
THE NEXT
TOWN.



ANOTHER
SURVIVOR.

"YOU THINK WE'RE
SAFE WITH HIM?"



LATER.

zzzzzzzz...

SO
WHAT'S
YOUR NEXT
MOVE?

"FINISH WHAT
I STARTED."

"FIND DAEGON,
AND FIND OUT HOW
THE RED DRAGON
KNEW ABOUT SUCHIN
AND TAKEDA."

"AND
THE BOY?"



"IF HE KNEW SUCHIN WAS
MURDERED, HE'D RUN AWAY
LOOKING FOR *REVENGE*...
AND FIND DEATH.

"HE THINKS HIS *MOTHER'S*
DEATH WAS AN ACCIDENT...
FOR NOW."



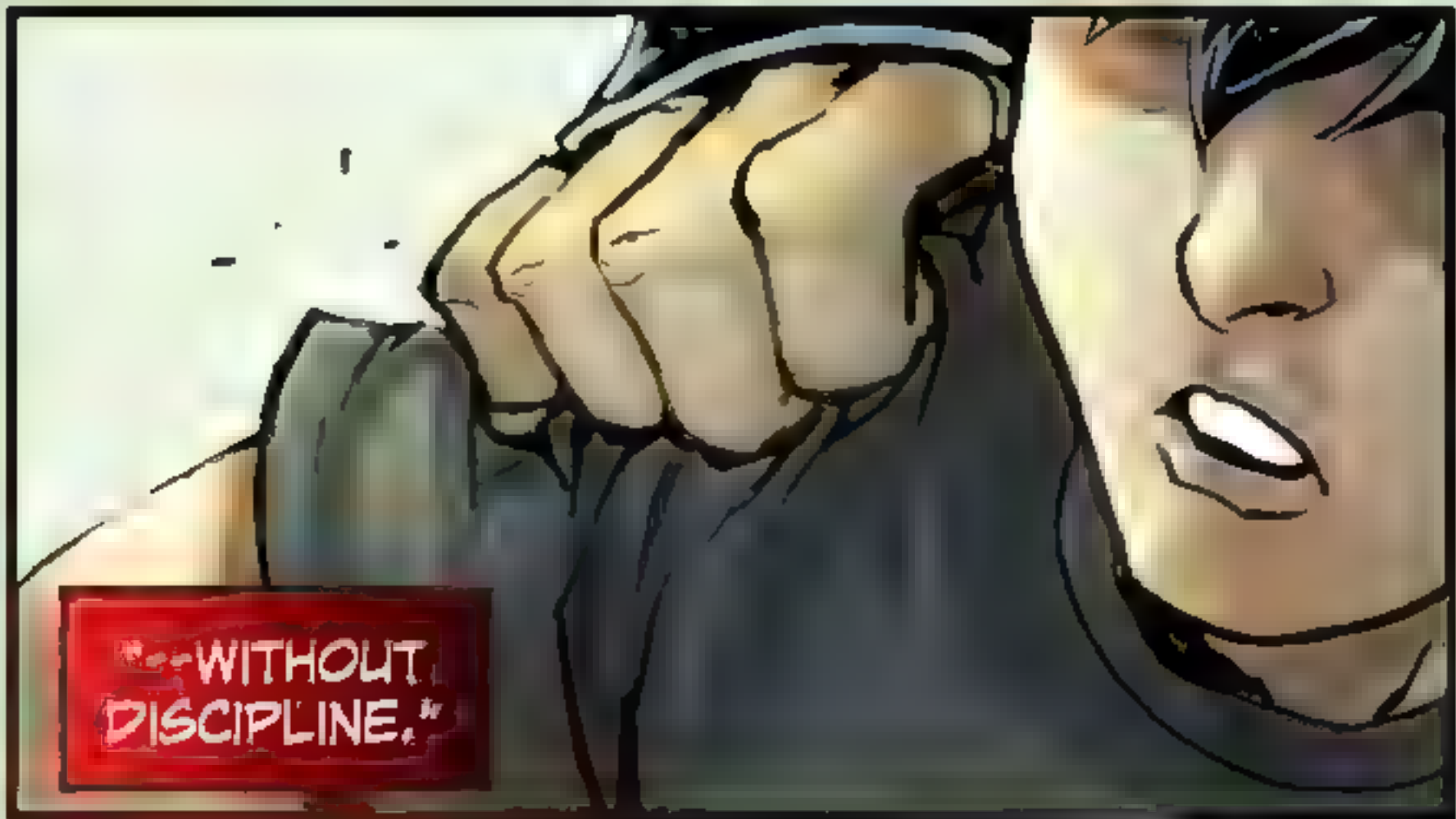
LYING
TO HIM
WON'T MAKE
HIM TRUST
YOU.

BUT
IT WILL
PROTECT
HIM.

YOU OF
ALL PEOPLE
KNOW WHAT
HAPPENS--



--WHEN YOU DEVOTE
YOURSELF TO *VENGEANCE*--



--WITHOUT
DISCIPLINE."

YOU ARE A
SURVIVOR, TAKEDA.
LIKE ME.

BUT
SHIRAI RYU DO
NOT RUN.

WE
FIGHT.



A RED DRAGON TEMPLE
NEAR LINXIA, CHINA.


DAEGON SAVE US! IT'S
A MASSACRE!

MAVADO
SAID BRINGING
THIS DAMN THING
HERE WOULD BE
TROUBLE...

THAT'S
GOT NOTHIN' TO
DO WITH THIS!
WHO'D *BLAZE*
A BUILDING DOWN
JUST TO STEAL
AN *OLD KNIFE*?

YOU'D BE
SURPRISED.

HOLY
SHIT!

A comic book panel depicting a confrontation between Sub-Zero and Quan Chi. Sub-Zero, on the left, is shown from the waist up, wearing his signature blue and black ninja attire. He has a determined expression and is holding a large, glowing blue sphere of ice in his right hand. Quan Chi, on the right, is a larger, more muscular figure with a pale, greenish-yellow complexion and a mask with red eyes. He is wearing a black and red robe and is holding a long, thin staff or sword. The background shows a traditional Chinese-style building with a tiled roof. The floor is made of stone tiles, and there is a small fire burning in the bottom right corner. The overall tone is dramatic and action-oriented.

SUB-ZERO!
LOOK, MAN, I'D
NEVER MESS WITH
QUAN CHI...

QUAN CHI'S
IN THE PAST, RIGHT
NOW, I NEED TO GET
THROUGH THAT DOOR.
CAN YOU OPEN IT
FOR ME?

DAEGON
WILL SWALLOW
MY SOUL--

An inset panel showing a close-up of a character's face, likely Daegon. The character has dark hair and is wearing a blue and silver helmet or mask. He has a serious, almost menacing expression. The background is a solid light blue color.


YOU
DON'T
HAVE A
CHOICE.



HUH. THOSE
GUARDS WOULDN'T
PROTECT AN EMPTY
CHAMBER.

WHOEVER'S IN
HERE, I WILL HAVE
THAT DAGGER FOR
LORD RAIDEN.
SURRENDER IT
OR--





THANK YOU FOR
DISTRACTING THE RED
DRAGON, SUB-ZERO.
YOU'VE MADE MY JOB
EASIER TODAY...

THE
DAGGER...IT'S
CURSED...

RAIDEN LIED
TO YOU, MATE. IT'S
TIME YOU LEARNED
THE *TRUTH* ABOUT THE
CURSE OF THE
KAMIDOGU...



WHO'S NEXT? READ NEW CHAPTERS OF **MORTAL KOMBAT X** WEEKLY!



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ARROW:
SEASON 2.5
BI-WEEKLY



THE FLASH:
SEASON ZERO
BI-WEEKLY



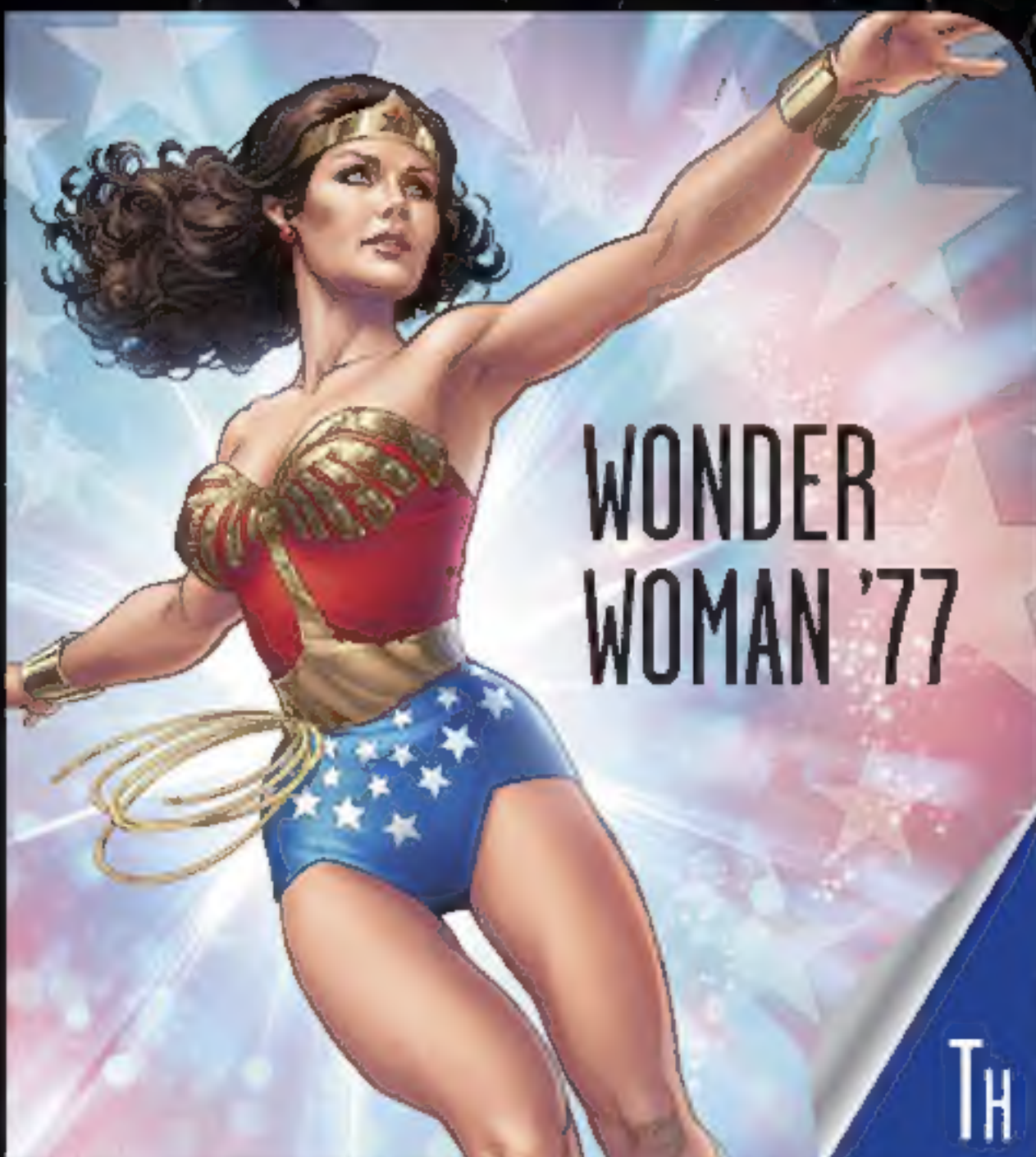
INJUSTICE:
GODS AMONG US YEAR THREE



BATMAN '66
BI-WEEKLY



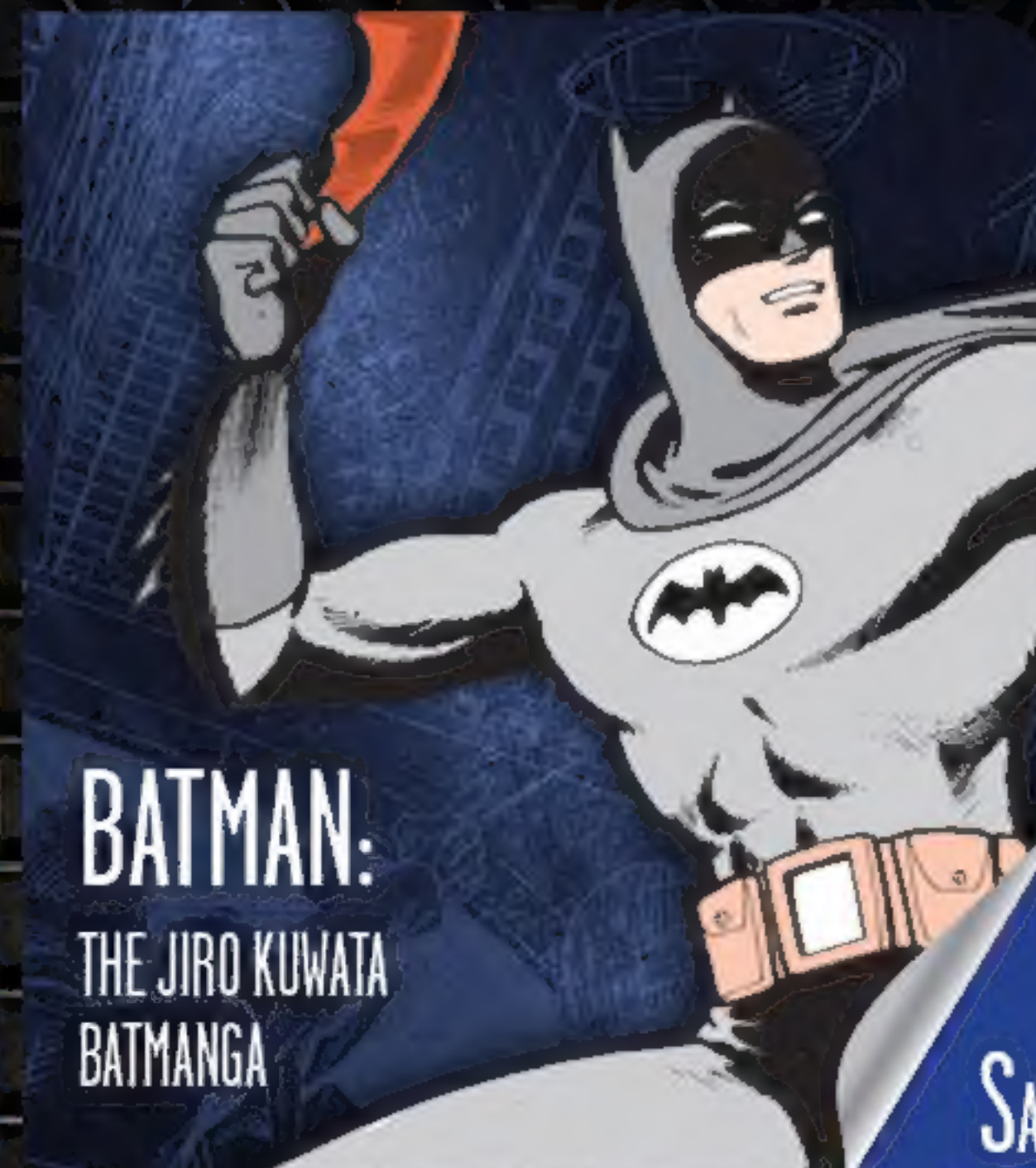
TEEN TITANS
GO! MONTHLY



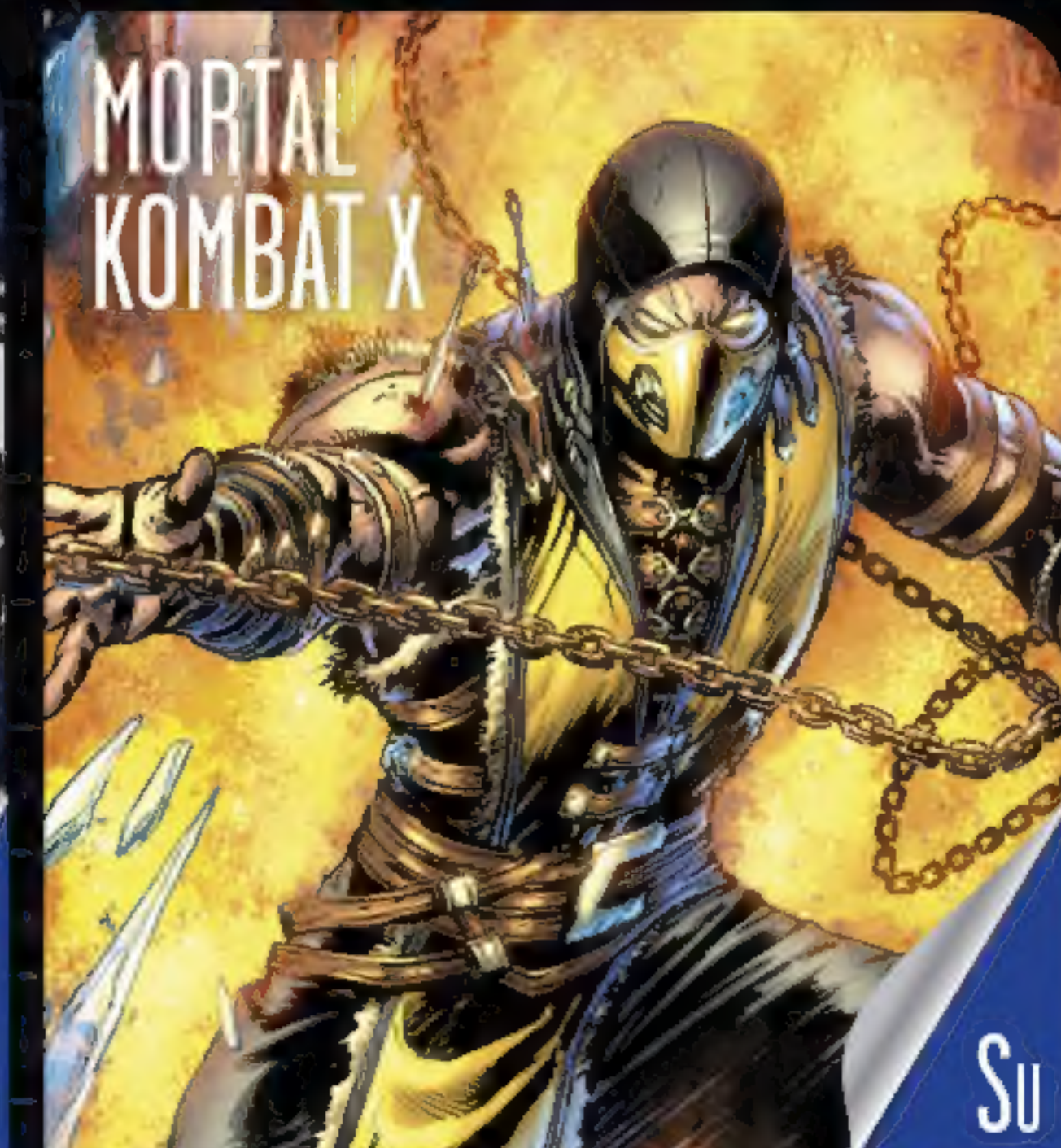
INFINITE CRISIS: FIGHT FOR THE
MULTIVERSE



BATMAN:
THE JIRO KUWATA
BATMANGA



MORTAL
KOMBAT X



SON OF ULTRON

"THIS FAN...
THIS MONSTER!"

